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WAYNE CITY MAN SENTENCED FOR METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on August 3, 2006, **JASON B. DALE**, age 25, of Wayne City, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. **JASON DALE** was sentenced to 180 months' imprisonment, was fined \$500, and was placed on 5 years' supervised release.

JASON DALE had previously pleaded guilty to one count in a federal indictment, charging conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine.

The investigation in this case was a cooperative effort between the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, the Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, and other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a joint and cooperative effort of the United States Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County State's Attorney's Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and other law enforcement agencies directed at removing guns and drugs from our communities.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney George Norwood.